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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6411**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1014

**DATE PREPARED:** Nov 15, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Extension of Voting Hours.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires that beginning with the 2004 elections, the polls in each precinct in a county must open at 6 a.m. and close at 8 p.m., instead of at 6 p.m., on election day. The bill also provides that beginning with the 2004 elections, the time that half-day precinct election officers change is 1 p.m. rather than noon on election day. The bill makes conforming amendments.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2002.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The bill moves on January 1, 2004, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. the time that a precinct election officer, with the exception of the precinct inspector, would serve on a half-day basis.

Currently, precinct election officers are appointed by the county election board, except in Lake and Tippecanoe County where the officers are appointed by a combination of an election board and registration board. A precinct has the following officers:

Type of Officer	Number
Inspector	1
Judge	2
Poll Clerk	2
Sheriff	2
Asst. Poll Clerk	2 (Optional)

The county executive is allowed by state statute to fix a per diem and a meal allowance for work performed

on election day by the above listed officers. For municipal elections, a town fiscal body fixes compensation. In addition, an inspector can receive additional compensation for the duties of acquisition and return of election supplies to the circuit court clerk's office.

Changes to local expenditures would depend on the decision of each county executive or town fiscal body on whether to increase the election day per diem to account for the additional two hours of voting. Expenses that are not personnel-related would also depend on each precinct's requirements for use of election supplies and facilities for two additional hours.

*Background:* 5,530 precincts existed in Indiana during the 2000 general election.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Counties, Towns, Precincts.

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